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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Edward A. Hubbard  
Serial No.: 09/834,785  
Filed: April 13, 2001  
Group Art Unit: 2157  
Before the Examiner: Yves Dalencourt  
Title: SOFTWARE-BASED NETWORK ATTACHED STORAGE  
SERVICES HOSTED ON MASSIVELY DISTRIBUTED  
PARALLEL COMPUTING NETWORKS

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of September 03, 2004, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 03, 2004 and extended one month to January 03, 2005 by the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time, please reconsider the claims in view of the following remarks:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 4 of this paper.


**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.

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**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8**

I hereby certify that this correspondence (along with any item referred to as being enclosed herewith) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on January 3, 2005.

  
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